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SUBJECT: CABINET POST FOR ABBA EBAN?

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. RUMORS AND PRESS REPORTS IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE RAISED POSSIBILITY THAT RABIN MAY BE CONSIDERING CABINET POST FOR FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN. PRESS REPORTS CLAIM THAT EBAN MIGHT BE OFFERED POSITION AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, CURRENTLY HELD BY ALLON, WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE INFORMATION/FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIELD. BOTH RABIN AND EBAN HAVE ASSIDUOUSLY REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THESE STORIES.

2. PRESSURE ON RABIN, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, IS COMING FROM MAPAI FACTION OF LABOR PARTY OF WHICH EBAN IS A MEMBER. MAPAI LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY FINANCE MINISTER RABINOWITZ, IS SAID TO HAVE URGED DESIRABILITY OF FINDING POSITION FOR EBAN WHICH WOULD RESPOND TO DEMANDS OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR HIS REENTRY INTO POLITICAL SCENE. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, MAPAI LEADERSHIP BELIEVES THAT AFTER SELECTION OF ALMOGI AS NEW HEAD OF WZO AND CHAIRMAN-DESIGNATE OF JEWISH AGENCY (TEL AVIV 0164), ONLY MEMBER OF OLD MAPAI LEADERSHIP EXCLUDED FROM POLITICAL MAINSTREAM AT PRESENT IS EBAN. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. LOCAL OBSERVERS HAVE TOLD US

THAT EBAN APPOINTMENT COULD MATERIALIZE BUT THAT THE INTERPLAY
OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL FORCES WOULD SEEM TO ARGUE AGAINST IT.
MAIN PROBLEM IS THAT ALLON COULD BE EXPECTED TO OBJECT
STRONGLY TO SURRENDERING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERSHIP (HE HAD
RESISTED THIS VERY PROPOSAL IN MAY 1974) AND THAT ANY CABINET
POSITION FOR EBAN INEVITABLY WOULD BE AT ALLON'S EXPENSE.
DESPITE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN RABIN AND ALLON ON A
NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, WE HAVE SEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT RABIN
WOULD WANT TO DOWNGRADE HIM FURTHER, OR SPARK OPEN CONFRONTA-
TION BY TAKING AWAY ONE OF HIS TWO POSTS.
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